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(For <u>large</u> orders please call the office ahead of time. Bad weather, call ahead to see if we are open)

Intergroup Breakfast Speaker Meeting
Saturday, April 1st, 2017
Speaker — Mystery Speaker
(You'r name could be here —-Volunteer)

Gateway's Dining Room, 555 Stockton St. 8:00 am ~ All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet \$4 per person 8:30 am ~ Speaker Meeting

** Intergroup Business Meeting **
Sat. April 1st, 2017, 9:45 am
Meeting in the Back Conference Room

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Archives Committee Report

2017 NEFL INTERGROUP SPRING BANQUET

"Young at H.E.A.R.T."

(H.E.A.R.T. = Healing, Enjoying And Recovering Together)

Saturday, April 29th, 2017 Ramallah American Club 3130 Parental Home Road

Doors Open at 5 pm First Come, First Seating 5:30 Fellowship and Cake Preview 6:00 Cake Auction 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Sobriety Countdown 8:00 Speaker (No Dance at this Spring Banquet)

Tables can be reserved by the purchase of ten tickets. Reservations will be taken starting at the Feb. Intergroup Business Meeting and the IG office. Individual Tickets will be available at that time also. .

COST OF TICKETS WILL BE \$15.00 Contact a Banquet Co- Chair For Further Information

Banquet Co-Chair—Holly C. 662-0646 Banquet Co-Chair—Linda G. 608-1634

Many Volunteers are needed to make the Spring 2017 Banquet a success for <u>YOUR</u>
NEFL Intergroup

THE NEXT BANQUET PLANNING MEETING IS AT

6:00 PM. MON.
MAR 13, 2017
Subsequent planning
meetings will be on Mondays 04-10-2017 and
04-24-2017
All Planning Meetings are
held at the
Intergroup Business Office at
3128 BEACH BLVD



Heard it through the Grapevine – March, 2017

Most of us come to AA completely broken by alcohol. As a friend recently shared, "I had reached Step Zero. I could not live with alcohol and I could not live without it.". By accepting Step One and admitting our powerlessness over alcohol, we can move forward onto further steps to our recovery. But right away, we bump up against Step Two and Three where we need to discover a power greater than ourselves and then turn our lives over to his/her/its care.

A thoughtful little story in the February 2017 **Grapevine Magazine** addresses just that question. In **Chubby Gods, Skinny Gods,** a newcomer to AA lands at a Second Step discussion table. "Everyone there had their God. They talked about him like he was a cherished friend. Or more like a magical genie that granted them sobriety every day. They talked about "finding" him. Did they mean in a God Catalog? They didn't say." How indeed do we find or create our own special image of a power greater than ourselves? I can tell you for a fact that whether you are new or old in AA (myself being OLD) it is always a challenge to discover that power. And some of us mature in these two steps more quickly than others. Just so you don't feel alone in your search, I insisted on self-reliance as my higher power for a long LONG time before I accepted the futility of this practice and began to search for own greater power.

Back to our story though, our newcomer shares advise from another member on how to meet-up with this God she is creating. "Talk to him. Pour your heart out. He's the only one who really understands you. Eventually, you won't feel uncomfortable doing it. It will be second nature to reach out to God. In the beginning, we are all strangers. With time, friendship with God blossoms, as it does with every friendship."

What wonderful advice. Isn't it true we are all uncomfortable as we begin our lives without alcohol. It is foreign and frightening to go through each day alcohol free and we need to make new friends, learn new ways of living sober, and discover how to trust and believe again. I do not believe anyone in AA will tell you that they went to sleep one night and the next morning, bright and fresh, there was God. It takes time to find our own special spiritual power, but once discovered, I know of no better companion or loving caring friend than my God.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

CHANGE

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

The 8:00 PM Macclenny
Group Wednesday night meetings will be Open Discussion. Also, this Wednesday
night meeting will no
longer be known as the
Primary Purpose
Group Meeting.

The March IG Steering Committee will meet at 5:30 pm, Tues. March 28th

At the Intergroup Office.
Any member is welcome to attend!



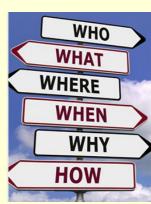
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE MEETS

Meets at Noon March 6th, 2017 At The Intergroup Office

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meets at 5:30 PM Tues, April 18th, 2017 At The Intergroup Office

Orientation For All
Members and
For By Laws
New and Old IG Reps
& Visitors
8:30 AM, Sat.
April 1st, 2017
Back Conference
Room Gateway,
555 Stockton Street



- Who runs Intergroup?
- Who makes up the Intergroup?
- How do committees work in Intergroup and AA in general.
- How does voting work? (ie: Motions,
- Table a motion, call the question, etc.)
- Who makes up the agenda?
- What does the Steering Committee do and why?

We will answer all your questions.

Third Step " Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

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Third Tradition "The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking."

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Third Concept "As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

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THE ROOTS OF THE A.A. ARCHIVES: NEW YORK TO JACKSONVILLE

People in the fellowship occasionally become interested in their family histories. For some the challenge is to build a factual, authentic record to leave for their family. But, for all who begin to construct a history they definitely think it necessary to have an accurate representation of the family. Here is where well kept records like those stored in libraries, newspapers, personal writings and Archival collections are important.

In 1957 Bill W. made the following statements regarding the development of the G.S.O Archives. Bill said, "(a) We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian.... (b) It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that that can be no substantial distortion.... (c) We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full-length history to come...."

The doors of the G.S. O. Archives office opened in New York City, November of 1975. Its goal continues to be to provide an environment dedicated to exploring A.A.'s history serving members of the A.A. fellowship and the general public. At the G.S.O. Archive ribbon cutting ceremonies (picture inset) one of the original members of the Jacksonville group is pictured. Tom S. is standing with Bill W. and an unidentified woman. So, we can be sure that Jacksonville has a long connection to the G.S.O. Archives and the property of the provided in the control of th chives. We have a picture to prove it.

The North East Florida (NEFL) intergroup has had an active Archive Committee since 1995. Some of the past Chairpersons were; Rick H., Kevin G. Jr., and Chaz H. There have been many local members who have worked with the committee collecting, indexing material and building our Archives. Collecting materials both written and oral is the overall and ongoing goal of the Archives. As materials are collected we index them so our members may use them for research. From the collection it was decided that a few projects would be started which are still ongoing.

Project number One: To build a complete history of the growth of A.A. in the Jacksonville area. The project began by researching our two founding members; Junis C. and Tom S. Dr. Charles Bedell a doctor introduced them, to each other from Jacksonville. From that humble beginning in 1940 the seed of recovery was planted here in Florida. Over the past 76 years the fellowship has grown through out the state effecting tens of thousands of people.

Project number Two: Over the last ten years members of the Archives Committee have inter-

viewed and made audio tapes of members who had reached 40 years sober. Through telling their stories, their experience, strength and hope they are assuring that the legacy of the program is passed on to future generations of recovering alcoholics. Many of these interviews have been published in the Ad-A. Line a monthly newsletter of the North East Florida Intergroup.

Project number Three: Construct written Record Group Histories. We, the current Archives Committee are asking for your help in an ongoing program, which is collecting the written histories of our groups. Over the past few years some groups have received a Group History Form. There are about fifty written group histories in the Archives. Each group is asked to complete a Group History form. By sharing your groups beginnings, activities, new groups it may have helped start will add to our overall strength of fellowship. Each group is important in the life of the fellowship. If your group has not filled out the form please do so. If you do not have a form ask your GSR or Intergroup Rep. to bring one to your group. Once it is complete please return it to the Intergroup. group Office.

The Archives is constantly working to grow our collection through contributions from the NEFL membership. We are seeking out; personal or published materials having to do with the fellowship. Some will be personal writings, other collections of materials, which added to your recovery. The NEFL Archives is our collective growth and recovery. The Archives is a living history open to all in the fellowship to research and enjoy.

Hopefully this brief article will give you a glimpse of your NEFL Archives. For further information you can contact the Archive Committee Chairperson, Tom W. via email: www.twicks41@yahoo.com

INTERGROUP OFFICERS

CHAIR: Don P. 904-303-0628

VICE-CHAIR / TREAS: Dan B. 904-737-7532



WORKING WITH OTHERS

"Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics."

Add-A-line Committee- OPEN Mike M. Temp Editor 904-807-8750	VACANT
All articles due to Intergroup by the 18th of each month. E MAIL: nefladdaline@gmail.com	
Archives Committee— Tom W. E Mail the IG office neflintergroup@gmail.com	201 424-3827
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Linda C. Co-Chair	904- <i>608-1634</i>
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For Men for men in Jail: Freddie S. E Mail: AA@mustangmasaters.com	904 226-3712
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YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA	904 712-0096

HAS YOUR GROUP MOVED?

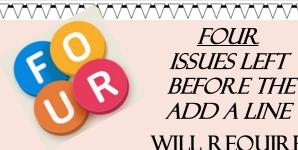
ADDED MORE MEETINGS?? CHANGED MEETING TIMES OR FORMAT???

THE DEADLINE FOR MEETING CHANGES. ADDITIONS, DELE-TIONS FOR THE 2017 WHEN & WHERE IS MONDAY,



APRIL 10, 2017 NO EXCEPTIONS!

PLEASE GET THEM IN TO AMY AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE EMAIL: neflintergroup@gmail.com or MAIL: 3128 Beach Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207 Call 904-399-8535 or FAX: (904) 399-8537. THANK YOU!!!



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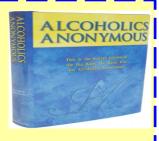
WILL REQUIRE

A NEW EDITOR FOR THE **AUGUST 2017 ISSUE**

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For Further Details Call Bill S. at 904-422-8106 E Mail b-shay@hotmail.com or go to the web site: www.jaxaasemeninars.com

2017

General Service Conference Delegate Meeting 1 pm Sunday March 19 3645 Spring Park Road, Jacksonville, FL

Our Area 14 Delegate, Joyce C, requests your advice on Conference agenda items.

Please join her for briefing, food, refreshments and feedback! Hosted by Districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 24, 25 and 30

New Intergroup Vice -Chairman Election in April 2017

If you are interested in standing for the new position of Vice-Chairman, elections will be held at the April Intergroup Business Meeting. All interested persons should submit their names for consideration prior to and/ or at the April business meeting for the election.

Vice Chair

The candidate should have a minimum of five continuous years of sobriety and have service work (experience) in the Intergroup structure Term of office is for two years. (2017-2018)

Please furnish a short résumé listing your various types service and, length of sobriety and intergroup service experience.

Resumes may be sent to: neflintergroup@gmail.com or mailed to 3828 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

If you have questions or are willing to stand for this office, please contact the Intergroup Office (Amy) at 904-399-8535.

FAITHFUL FIVERS

Anonymous Michael S. Fred H. Rick T.

Susan I

MARCH PRIMARY PUPOSE GROUP 11th INVITES YOUR TO DINNER! Where: St. Catherine's Episcopal Church 4758 Shelby Ave Jacksonville, FL 32210 SATURD Time: Doors open at 4pm Speaker: Larry S. from Marietta, GA \$15.00 ticket includes dinner, inspiring speaker, superlative service and Fabulous Fellowship Questions / Tickets: Roxanne Garcia (904)-334-5977,, Linda Knapp (727) 255-4011, or Melissa Burhans (904)-487-5804 Please come out and Celebrate our Anniversary!

QUIT SHAKING AND START LIVING.



It is easier than you think to stop drinking - when you do it our way.

ALCHOLICS
ANONYMOUS
Get Sober.
"One Day

At A Time."

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Happy Soberversary

HAPPY JOYOUS FREE

JANUARY

<u>I AM RESPONSIBLE</u>

Sylvia P. 42 yrs. JoAnn R. 28 yrs

ST. NICHOLAS

Jim F. 56 yrs.
John Mc. 39 yrs.
Bob C. 27 yrs.
Claire L. 27 yrs.
Owen S. 26 yrs.
Greg S. 19 yrs.
Ramon R. 12 yrs.
David A. 8 yrs.
Jessie M. 8 yrs.
Valerie A. 7 yrs.
Margaret J. 5 yrs.
Jessica W. 4 yrs.
Mike G. 3 yrs.
Wayne B. 3 yrs.

FEBRUARY

BEACHES UNITY

Cheryl Ann 32 yrs. Ed A. 29 yrs. Rick B. 28 yrs. David M. 27 yrs. David H. 26 yrs. Valarie H. 20 yrs. Jay M. 16. yrs. Michele M. 15 yrs. Shelly S. 12 yrs. Frank V. 7 yrs. Jay S. 6 yrs. Catherine H. 6 yrs. Kevin S. 5 yrs. Erica W. 1 yr. Katie S. 1 yr. Kim K. 1 yr.

FEBRUARY

FREE TO BE

Mary M-C. 29 yrs. Jess W. 8 yrs.

FIESTA

Janice G. 29 yrs. Victor M. 28 yrs. Kim W. 4 yrs. Renee B. 3 yrs.

I AM RESPONSIBLE

Suzanne H. 39 yrs.

MANDARIN HIGH NOON

Susan H. 19 yrs. Dizzy Dean 2 yrs

FEBRUARY

ARLINGTON

George C. 23 yrs.
Gus D. 16 yrs.
Shelly S. 6 yrs.
Sue C. 4 yrs.
Charlie V. 2 yrs.
John 2 yrs.

CENTRAL

R. R. Bob 34 yrs. Rick B. 28 yrs. Cpura S. 19 yrs. Shelly S. 12 yrs. Julie Y. 5 yrs. Cpura T. 4 yrs. Frank H. 2 yrs. Kevin E. 1 yr.

MANDARIN WOMEN

Karen 25 yrs. Susan 19 yrs. Cat 7 yrs. Megan 4 yrs.

Birthday Club!



EASTSIDE GROUP

Deena D. 1 yr.

FERNANDINA BEACH

Becky H. 27 yrs. Brian H. 27 yrs. Joseph D. 6 yrs. Tom Q. 3 yrs. Patrick B. 15 yrs. Sandy F. 1 yr.

ST. NICHOLAS

Dennis M. 18 yrs.
Sue M. 13 yrs.
Shelly S. 12 yrs.
Teresa T. 9 yrs.
George M. 9 yrs.
Michelle J. 6 yrs.
Laura T. 4 yrs.
Dixie A. 4 yrs.
Joe B. 2 yrs.
Jacob H. 2 yrs.
Rick K. 2 yrs.

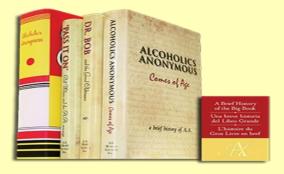
	Jan 17	Jan 17
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Contribution Income		
4002 · Groups	\$5,830.19	\$5,830.19
4003 · Pink Can Contribution	\$30.00	\$30.00
4005 · Faithful Five	\$85.00	\$85.00
4006 · Birthdays	\$78.00	\$78.00
4007 · Other Contributions	\$100.00	\$100.00
4010 · IG Breakfast/Speaker Mtg	\$72.00	\$72.00
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	\$6,195.19	\$6,195.19
4020 · Retail Income	\$4,763.73	\$4,763.73
4040 · Monthly IG Mtg / Otr		
4042 · Business Meeting	\$42.00	\$42.00
Total 4040 · Monthly IG Mtg / Otr	\$42.00	\$42.00
Total Income	\$11,000.92	\$11,000.92
Cost of Goods Sold	-	
4510 · Cost of Retail Sales	\$3,395.52	\$3,395.52
Total COGS	\$3,395.52	\$3,395.52
Gross Profit	\$7,605.40	\$7,605.40
Expense		
Total 5100 · Office Expense	\$344.57	\$344.57
5110 · Telephone	\$173.33	\$173.33
5120 · Telephone Answering Service	\$80.00	\$80.00
5130 · Postage - Freight	\$6.80	\$6.80
5140 · Utilities	\$162.29	\$162.29
5145 · Advertising	\$51.00	\$51.00
5150 · Insurance	\$354.85	\$354.85
5195 · CC Fees	\$96.91	\$96.91
5200 · Professional Fees	\$75.00	\$75.00
5210 · Building Rent	\$900.00	\$900.00
5215 ⋅ IG Business Meeting Expense	\$42.00	\$42.00
5265 · Security	\$27.40	\$27.40
5290 · IG Breakfast Expense	\$17.12	\$17.12
5300 · When & Where Cost	\$254.49	\$254.49
5500 · Committees Expense	4	*== =
5540 · Corrections	\$584.05	\$584.05
5560 · Newsletter	\$286.75	\$286.75
Total 5500 · Committees Expense	\$870.80	\$870.80
6150 · Bad Debt	\$295.71	\$295.71
Total 6555 · Wages Total	\$2,833.09	\$2,833.09
Total Expense	\$6,585.36	\$6,585.36
Net Ordinary Income or (Loss)	\$1,020.04	\$1,020.04
Net Other Income	\$33.22	\$33.22
Net Income	\$1,053.26	\$1,053.26

Account Balances as of January 31, 2017				
Petty Cash	\$100.00			
Checking Account	\$9,143.12			
Saving Account	\$10.00			
Total	\$9,452.92			
CD 12 Month 51	\$20,406.60			
CD 18 Month 52	\$11,813.84			
CD 18 Month 42	\$10,201.43			
Total Prudent Reserve	\$42,421.87			
Inventory Asset Value	\$9,539.16			

Add to Your A.A. History Shelf 4 Volume Set

Alcoholics Anonymous (reg. cost \$12.00

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JANUARY 2017 Group Contributions

GROUP	MONTH	JAN YTD	Att.	GROUP	MONTH	JAN YTD	Att.	GROUP	MONTH	JAN YTD	Att.
A Design for Living	\$60.00	\$60.00		Jax Men's Group				Riverside (Tom S)	\$47.00	\$47.00	
Alexis	\$15.00	\$15.00	Χ	Joy	\$70.00	\$70.00		Riverview Study	\$10.00	\$10.00	-
Arlington			χ	Keep It Simple (Fern. Bch.)	\$40.00	\$40.00		Riverside YPG			χ
Azalea City	\$350.00	\$350.00		Language of the Heart	\$216.95	\$216.95		Salisbury Road Men's	\$10.00	\$10.00	
BAA	\$75.00	\$75.00		Living In The Light	\$352.47	\$352.47	X	San Pablo Sober Sisters			X
Beaches Unity	\$360.00	\$360.00	X	Los Lobos Men's	\$78.00	\$78.00		St. Nicholas			X
BLISS	\$114.79	\$114.79		Macclenny	\$50.00	\$50.00		Serenity at Noon	\$81.00	\$81.00	X
Central	\$437.22	\$437.22	X	Mandrain Big Book			X	Sober Sisters - St Aug	\$96.06	\$96.06	
Clean and Free			X	Mandarin Hi-Noon	\$97.80	\$97.80		Sons of the Spirit	\$107.70	\$107.70	
Drop The Rock			χ	Mandarin Monday Night BBS			X	Step A Month	\$73.00	\$73.00	
Eastside	\$15.00	\$15.00	X	Mandarin Women in Recovery	\$100.00	\$100.00		Step Sisters Grace Group			X
Fernandina Beach	\$333.87	\$333.87	X	Middleburg	\$100.00	\$100.00	X	Stepping Stones P.V.			X
Fiesta			X	Morning After	\$25.00	\$25.00		Surrender to Win			X
Free Men's	\$225.00	\$225.00		New Beginnings			X	This Too Shall Pass	\$50.00	\$50.00	X
Fresh Start	\$400.00	\$400.00		Orange Park Stepsisters			X	Upstart Womans			X
From The Men's Heart			X	Ortega	\$78.00	\$78.00	X	Vilano Beach Combers	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Fruit Cove Book Study	\$240.00	\$240.00		Phoneix Men's				Way Out	\$39.60	\$39.60	
Fruit Cove Step Study	\$450.00	\$450.00		Primay Purpose			X	Wesconnett	\$113.25	\$113.25	X
Greenland Road Mandarin			X	Primay Purpose Mandarin			X	Westside			X
Half Way Through	\$41.72	\$41.72		Ponte Vedra Mens			X	Winners			X
It's Come to This	\$75.00	\$75.00		Q Branch	\$250.00	\$250.00		Women Enjoying Sobriety	\$248.65	\$248.65	X
It's in the Book	\$90.00	\$90.00		Reborn	\$50.00	\$50.00		Women Speak	\$18.00	\$18.00	
James Gang II	\$50.00	\$50.00		Riverside/Ortega	\$65.11	\$65.11		Total Contributions	\$5,830.19	\$5,830.19	

Represented at the FEBRUARY IG Business Meeting: IG Reps = 34 Total signed in= 47

Groups Contributing in Jan. 2017 = 45 (YTD = 45)



CAKE BAKERS!

Donate a cake for the cake Auction at the Spring **Banquet** on April 29th. Be creative and let **YOUR** Cake get the highest BID

- **Call Holly at 662-0646**
 - or Linda at 608-1634
- **Cake plates will not be returned so Please plan accordingly.

REQUESTING DESSERTS FOR THE DESSERT TABLES!

IF YOU ARE NOT BAKING A CAKE FOR THE CAKE AUCTION.

PLEASE HELP US **OUT BY** DONATING A



DESSERT FOR THE DESSERT TABLES. THESE ITEMS CAN STORE **BOUGHT FOR** YOUR CONVENIENCE.

- CALL HOLLY AT 662-0646
- OR LINDA AT 608-1634





FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION July 27—30, 2017

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront"LOVE IN ACTION"

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HOTEL INFORMATION:

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2017-2018 District Committee Contact and Meeting Info					
	Position & Name	<u>e-mail</u>	<u>Phone</u>	Day, Time & Location	
District 1:	DCM-Lon L.	Ion@rpmautomotive.com	904-710-7201	3rd Tuesday of month @ NEFL Intergroup Office	
District 4:	DCM-Peter C.	ppjtcart@gmail.com	516-521-6830	7:45pm Every 3rd Thursday @The Amelia Room	
				906 S 7th St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034	
District 3:	DCM- Maggie R	Call IG office for address	904-707-6125	2nd Monday 6:30pm @ Anthony's house	
District 6:	DCM- Marty C.	dcmdist6@gmail.com	904-501-0043	1st Monday of month 6:00pm @Flagler Hospital-Osceola Rm	
District 24:	DCM-Diane S.	diane.taurus@gmail.com	386-546-3404	2nd Wed of month 6:30pm @ Lion's Club-318 Oseola Ave, Palatka	
District 25:	DCM-Gavin M.	neflaadistrict25@gmail.com	904-613-7605	2nd Wed 7:00pm @ Neptune Beach Library (3rd Street)	
District 30:	DCM-Jack G.	Call IG office for address	714-661-3918	3rd Friday of month 6:30pm @ First Christian 11924 San Jose Blvd	

INTERGROUP OFFICE LOG January 2017					
<u>CATAGEORY</u>	Jan. 2017	Jan. 2016			
A.A. Information	217	179			
Admin. & Other Info.	47	71			
12th Step Calls	7	8			
Visitors to The Office	98	197			

Jax Host Presents FCYPAA July 7-9, 2017

Florida Conference of Young People in
Alcoholics Anonymous
We Were Reborn
Renaissance World Golf Village
500 South Legacy Trail, St. Augustine Florida
RSVP / Register and book your room now by
connecting with us on: www.fcypaa36.com

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Supplement to the March 2017 Add—A—Line

THE ROOTS OF THE A.A. ARCHIVES: NEW YORK TO JACKSONVILLE

People in the fellowship occasionally become interested in their family histories. For some the challenge is to build a factual, authentic record to leave for their family. But, for all who begin to construct a history they definitely think it necessary to have an accurate representation of the family. Here is where well kept records like those stored in libraries, newspapers, personal writings and Archival collections are important.



In 1957 Bill W. made the following statements regarding the development of the G.S.O Archives. Bill said, "(a) We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian.... (b) It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that that can be no substantial distortion.... (c) We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full-length history to come...."

The doors of the G.S. O. Archives office opened in New York City, November of 1975. Its goal continues to be to provide an environment dedicated to exploring A.A.'s history serving members of the A.A. fellowship and the general public. At the G.S.O. Archive ribbon cutting ceremonies (picture inset) one of the original members of the Jacksonville group is pictured. Tom S. is standing with Bill W. and an unidentified woman. So, we can be sure that Jacksonville has a long connection to the G.S.O. Archives. We have a picture to prove it.



The North East Florida (NEFL) intergroup has had an active Archive Committee since 1995. Some of the past Chairpersons were; Rick H., Kevin G. Jr., and Chaz H. There have been many local members who have worked with the committee collecting, indexing material and building our Archives. Collecting materials both written and oral is the overall and ongoing goal of the Archives. As materials are collected we index them so our members may use them for research. From the collection it was decided that a few projects would be started which are still ongoing.

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Project number One: To build a complete history of the growth of A.A. in the Jacksonville area. The project began by researching our two founding members; Junis C. and Tom S. Dr. Charles Bedell a doctor introduced them, to each other from Jacksonville. From that humble beginning in 1940 the seed of recovery was planted here in Florida. Over the past 76 years the fellowship has grown through out the state effecting tens of thousands of people.





Project number Two: Over the last ten years members of the Archives Committee have interviewed and made audio tapes of members who had reached 40 years sober. Through telling their stories, their experience, strength and hope they are assuring that the legacy of the program is passed on to future generations of recovering alcoholics. Many of these interviews have been published in the Ad-A. Line a monthly newsletter of the North East Florida Intergroup.

Project number Three: Construct written Record Group Histories. We, the current Archives Committee are asking for your help in an ongoing program, which is collecting the written histories of our groups. Over the past few years some



groups have received a Group History Form. There are about fifty written group histories in the Archives. Each group is asked to complete a Group History form. By sharing your groups beginnings, activities, new groups it may have helped start will add to our overall strength of fellowship. Each group is important in the life of the fellowship. If your group has not filled out the form please do so. If you do not have a form ask your GSR or Intergroup Rep. to bring one to your group. Once it is complete please return it to the Intergroup Office.

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The Archives is constantly working to grow our collection through contributions from the NEFL membership. We are seeking out; personal or published materials having to do with the fellowship. Some will be personal writings, other collections of materials, which added to your recovery. The NEFL Archives is our collective growth and recovery. The Archives is a living history open to all in the fellowship to research and enjoy.

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Hopefully this brief article will give you a glimpse of your NEFL Archives.

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